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were presented to the Vice-Chancellor, there was distinct evidence of a movement to break down the tradition of wearing evening dress.

Many graduates were in morning dress and soon the sight of men walking about the streets of Cambridge at noon in evening dress will be a thing of the past.

The old statutes prescribed that recipients of Bachelors' degrees must appear in black clothes and, since the war, impecunious undergraduates found their only black suits were their dress clothes.

The new statute states that dark clothes must be worn which brings in the lounge suit.

The evening dress tradition is not very old and rests on nothing but undergraduates' customs.

Careless match lights lady's dress – 1909

THERE was an exciting scene in Cambridge Market Street when a lady screamed "I am on fire".

Her dress was blazing furiously and the combined effect of the screams and the flames on the crowded street can easily be imagined.

Fortunately. Mr. A. Kester tore off the burning skirt with his hands and staff from Eaden Lilley rushed out of the shop with mats and rugs in which she was rolled until the flames were extinguished.

It is presumed the dress, which was of flimsy material, was ignited by a match carelessly dropped by a passer-by.

Cambridge station display in 1938

Goodbye to Mr Wright – 1948

FIFTY years of railway service has been brought to an end by the retirement of Mr S.N. Wright from his post as station master at Cambridge.

In September 1930 he was appointed yard master at Whitemoor, the only mechanised marshalling yard in this country, as a replica of the famous Hamm Yard in Germany.

He was the first yard master to see the new working layout. At the time he took over, the up yard had just been completed and the down yard was started the following year.

He became station master in Cambridge in 1934.

Recalling the war years, he spoke of the high level of troop trains and special oil trains for the supply of various depots and dromes in East Anglia.

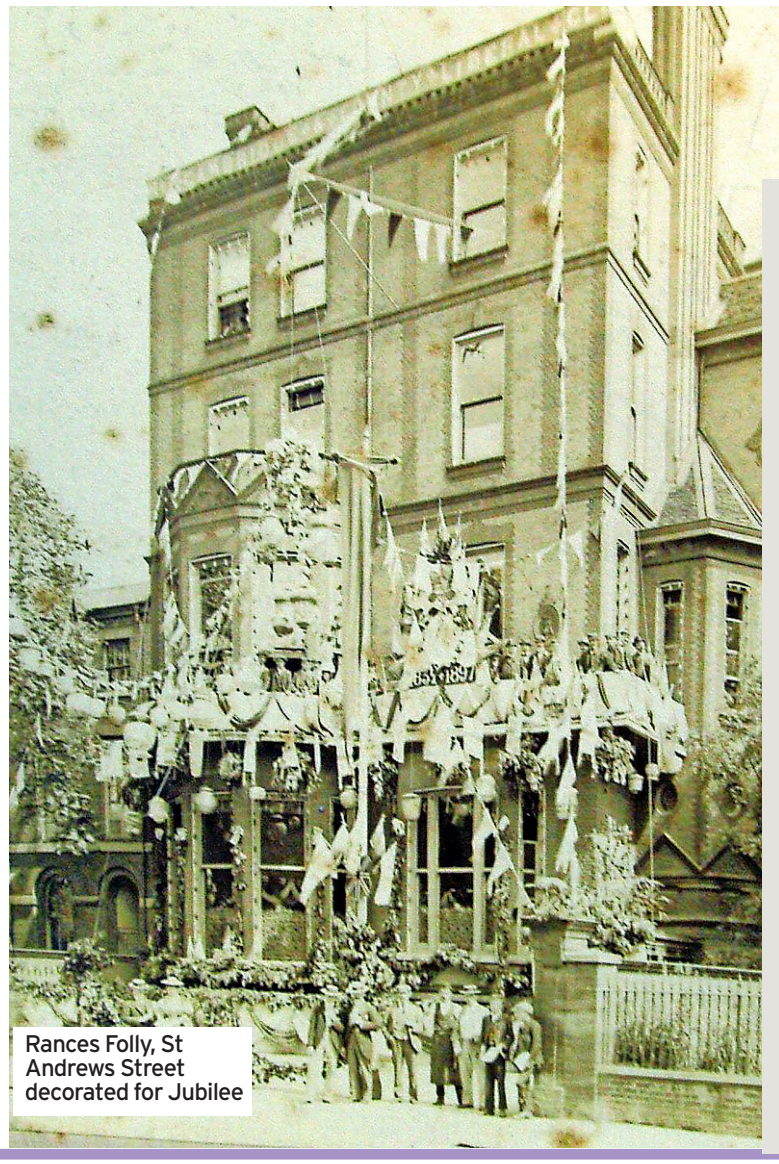
During the war, he was also air raid master for station, goods and shunting yards, and, in addition, in charge of the fire watching for the same area.

King's op causes some great concern – 1902

THE startling and unwelcome intelligence that the Coronation of King Edward VII had been postponed, owing to him having to undergo an operation, created a great sensation in Cambridge.

Those who first heard were incredulous and treated the matter as a mere rumour. Scores of inquiries were received at the News by telephone.

Crowds assembled around the type-written announcements that were displayed and turned away with expressions of mingled astonishment and pain.



Rances Folly, St Andrews Street decorated for Jubilee

A great feast for Queen Victoria's jubilee – 1897

IN commemoration of the Great Jubilee of her Majesty, a meat tea was provided for poor married couples residing in the East Ward of Chesterton.

A field belonging to Mr R.H. Lord on Scotland Road was secured for the occasion.

Some 500 adults sat down to the meat tea which consisted of rounds of beef, legs of mutton and hams.

The meat had been admirably cooked in the kitchens of Clare College.

After tea, the men were supplied with tobacco, tobacco boxes and pipes, and snuff and snuff boxes, while strawberries were provided for the women.

Market Street in 1906

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